



APWA-Arizona Chapter Bi-Annual Report July – December 2024

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- Membership Activities Undertaken
 - Chapter membership was 403 as of December 2024.
 - The Board of Directors and Chapter Committee Chairs continue to promote membership value including for those working in field operations. The chapter conference was the largest in chapter history, including not only attendance, but also vendor representation. See past events calendar for more information.
 - To encourage new members or to promote joining APWA, the chapter offers free attendance at one monthly luncheon. This is an exceptional opportunity for our new and potential members.

CHAPTER INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

- New and Innovative Ideas to Share
 - Chapter President implemented an “Agency Spotlight” at each monthly luncheon starting in July. This spotlight provides a platform for agencies to showcase their projects, introduce key staff to the membership, share best practices, and highlight their contributions to public works.
 - Chapter members attended the Maintenance Superintendents Association (MSA) annual conference at the Mesa Convention Center 10/29-30 and their Rodeo in Gilbert on 10/31. This participation provided valuable insight and partnering for the PWX 2027-Phoenix Rodeo which the chapter is hosting and MSA has agreed to assist with.



- Continued co-advertised upcoming events with other professional organizations to strengthen relationships with sister organizations and leverage chapter resources efficiently.
- Continued hybrid in-person and virtual Board of Director’s Meetings to encourage participation and facilitate ease of attendance for those outside the Phoenix-Metro Area.

- We held events and professional development opportunities to support future Public Works professionals and spread awareness to today’s youth including tours of public works facilities.
 - We added a “step and repeat” and a red carpet to our inventory of chapter and APWA promotional items for our larger events, including our annual conference and associated chapter awards program.
- Chapter Key Issue(s)
 - Building membership and attracting a young and diverse group of professionals and entry level employees to engage with Chapter.
 - Creating value for all levels of membership by offering a diverse offering of educational topics and, networking opportunities at chapter events and meetings.
 - Mentoring the next generations of chapter leadership for the coming years.
 - Areas of Focus/Challenge
 - Successful, ongoing implementation of the three (3) year strategic plan
 - Updating the current strategic plan – monthly review of strategic plan during every board meeting will be a focus in 2025 and beyond.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES and VALUE ADDED

- Awards/Recognition
 - PWX Atlanta-September
 - PACE Award for Arizona Chapter.
 - APWA Top Ten Award for Jeff Kramer, PE:



▪ Chapter Activities

- Full list of activities listed on table under section Chapter Events.
- Highlights:
 - **Monthly Chapter Meeting included Jeff Kramer, PE, PWLF, CPM, CCM, CJP provided a presentation on “Leadership for a Lifetime, An exploration of 10 key lessons on leadership from a Top 10 Leader” (July 2024)**



▪ **YP Tour of the Arizona State Capitol (July 2024)**



- **Statewide Annual Conference (August 15-17, 2024)-no monthly chapter luncheon held**
 - **Keynote speaker was Collette V. Smith who was the first black female to coach an NFL team.**

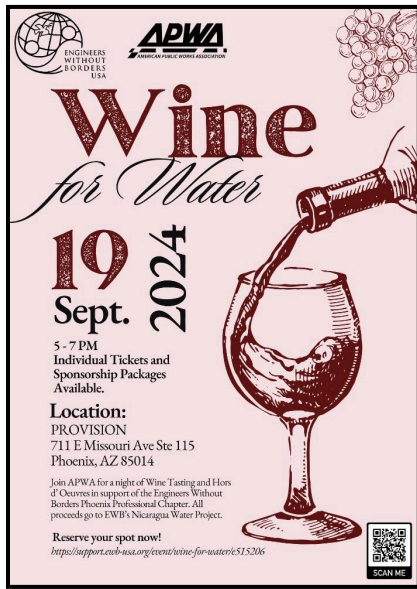


- **Over 700 Conference Attendees**



- **96 Exhibitor Booths**
- **520 attendees at Chapter Awards Luncheon**
- **20 Agencies staffed tables and provided information at the annual Agency Showcase**

- **Wine for Water Event to benefit Engineers without Borders, USA efforts (September 2024)**



- **Monthly Chapter Meeting-September 2024**

- **Michah Gaudet, Deputy City Manager-City of Maricopa, provided a presentation on “Learn Practical Uses of AI for Public Sector” (September 2024)**



- **Luncheons now feature an “Agency Spotlight” and this month the City of Flagstaff from northern Arizona was highlighted.**



- Arizona Chapter attends PWX-Atlanta (September 2024)



- Arizona Chapter conducted a small gathering to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the chapter (October 1, 2024)



- Monthly Chapter Meeting included a panel discussion on "Navigating a Municipal Career" (October 2024)

- **Arizona Chapter Young Professionals Social Mixer (October 2024)**



- **Chapter “Volunteer Night”-St. Vincent de Paul Family Dining Room and DREAM Center (November 12, 2024)**



- **Monthly Chapter Meeting was a partnership with ASCE and included a presentation from Barzin Mobasher, PhD, PE, FACS, FRLEM on “Sustainable Design of Reinforced Concrete Structures” (November 2024)**



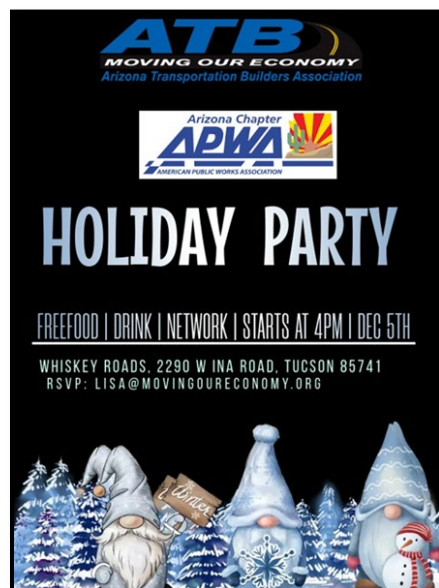
Arizona Chapter 70th Anniversary and Holiday Party (December 2024)



- Northern Branch Activities
 - None to report this cycle.
- Southern Branch Activities
 - Top Golf Fundraiser to Benefit the Sunnyside School District STEM Program-Funds raised are used for two \$2,500 scholarships for seniors entering college careers related to Public Works (August 2024)



- Joint Lunch Meeting in Casa Grande with ATB (October 2024)
- Southern Branch Holiday Party-Joint Meeting with ATB (December 2024)



EDUCATION & CREDENTIALING

- Chapter Delegate, Chris Ewell, participated in the PWX Atlanta offering of the Facilities and Grounds Certificate Program as part of his engagement with the Facilities and Grounds Committee.



Chapter/Leadership Events Conducted

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| Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Educational Event or Workshop |
| Mixer/Volunteer Event |
| Statewide Conference |
| PWX-Atlanta |

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| 7/17/24 | APWA AZ Chapter Monthly Meeting – APWA Top 10 Winner Presentation Phoenix | 50 |
| 7/23/2024 | Young Professional Event – Tour of Arizona State Capitol | 15 |
| 8/15/24 | AZ Chapter – Southern Branch Golf Tournament/Fundraiser | 108 |
| 8/15-17/24 | AZ Chapter Statewide Conference – Oro Valley | 700+ |
| 9/19/24 | Wine for Water Event – Benefiting Engineers without Borders | 25 |
| 9/6-11/24 | PWX Atlanta Attendance – Arizona Chapter Delegation | 10 |
| 9/18/24 | APWA AZ Chapter Monthly Meeting – Learn Practical Uses for AI in the Public Sector Phoenix | 75 |
| 10/1/24 | Chapter 70 th Anniversary Celebration – Phoenix | 25 |

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| 10/9/24 | APWA AZ Chapter Monthly Meeting – Navigating a Municipal Career Phoenix | 50 |
| 10/24 | Young Professional Event – Young Professionals Social Mixer Phoenix | 10 |
| 11/12/24 | Volunteer Night-St Vincent de Paul DREAM Center Phoenix | 15 |
| 11/20/24 | APWA AZ Chapter Monthly Meeting – Joint Meeting with ASCE – Sustainable Design of Reinforced Concrete Structures Phoenix | 60 |
| 12/5/24 | AZ Chapter Holiday Party and 70th Anniversary Phoenix | 70 |
| 12/5/24 | APWA AZ Chapter/ATB – Southern Branch Holiday Party Tucson | 50 |